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- AHS and Region 2 events.
- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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You will see Region 2 follow their lead, using the names interchangeably going forward.



Top to bottom:

Sue Hill describes her transition from Bunnies to Daylilies

Hybridizers tell the story behind some daylily names

Nikki Schmith's visit to a special daylily garden

**On The Front Cover: 'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009)** Photos by Claude Carpenter

**On The Back Cover: Clump of 'I Lava You' with clump of 'Ghost Ranger' (Elliott-S., 2015) in background** Photo by Claude Carpenter

# AHS Director Message

By Bob Faulkner, Region 2 Director



Having recently participated in the 6 hour ADS Board Meeting, I can assure you that the people on the board are impressive, hardworking, and so focused. They are of such great character. The ones involved from our Region 2 are second to none.

I will quickly point out a few of the results of the Board Meeting:

- For those who might attend the 2021 National in Hattiesburg, MS, the recommendation is that they fly into Gulfport Airport. A shuttle solution will be announced. The 2022 National is once again slated for Asheville, NC. For 2023, the National is slated to be held in Provo, Utah. All of these are beautiful locations.
- Through diligent work the Board was able to cut several thousand dollars from the budget deficit which brings our debt to a more controllable level.
- Registrar Elizabeth Trotter shared that there have been 18,693 registrations added to our database in the last 7 years. 1,219 photos have been added to the database since January. Rebecca Board worked on the image upload tool for over 2 years. We are uploading up to 250 photos a month.
- Ken Cobb stated that the journal indexing has been brought up to date by Debbie Monbeck, who has updated 133 slides. The hybridizer list is close to completion.
- Kyle Billadeau stated that there is a convention fund designated for future convention host needs. It currently holds \$14,000 in the account. Since this fund has never been used, guidelines for its use need to be established by the Board.

***“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our Lives”***

~~~~John F. Kennedy

We in Region 2 have a plethora of things to be grateful for.

I am thankful that the members of Region 2 are kind, active and produce some of the most desirable flowers for the Northern gardener and collector. We used to covet those from the South; however, with diligent hybridizing and dedication of time and energy we can truthfully declare we are second to none!

Other things I am thankful for:

Our own Region 2 Member Loretta Zink for continuing without hesitation in producing the Daylily Bulletin Board

in a timely and efficient manner on the email robin....great work Loretta.

Karen Ciula of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, who has tirelessly for years accomplished all the background work for the newsletter, kept track of the daylily display beds for the public at Franklin Park Conservatory, kept us in good standing with the Park so they would allow the club to hold their meetings there for years, and much more. Thank you, Karen.

Thanks, Duane and Barb Nichols of the Green Bay Daylily Society for hosting speakers, tirelessly growing, and donating daylilies and generally keeping the area and the people around them interested in our favorite flower. Thanks, Duane & Barb.

Thanks to Rhonda Veroeven for all her hours of hard work with the Awards & Honors, for helping to run a wonderful club over in Madison and helping to put together a great National Convention in difficult weather, and more. Thank you!

A big thanks to Barb Buikema for doing beyond a fantastic job of publicity for our Region. Your always positive attitude and attention to detail have improved what the members know and understand about our Region. Please continue to keep up the good work you do.

Thanks to Gail Braunstein of the Cincinnati Daylily Club for offering your services time and again, for being the Show Secretary at so many of our Regional meetings and holding a plethora of other offices including managing the Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Achievement every year. Well done!

We are thankful for the legal talents of our member from Indiana, Bret Clement, who keeps us from making wrong legal decisions, and who also has the most humorous and creative cat names for daylily introductions. You help to make daylilies what they really should be “fun!”

I am grateful and thankful for having known and been friends with the late Gisela Meckstroth who held many positions on the board and who was always classy in all she did. She willingly gave so much good advice. Even though she is not with us today, she is on this list.

The list would not be complete without mentioning the hard work of Jacob Braun. He helped run the board meeting so smoothly and has had a hand in many of the new endeavors which have been developed in the near past. For managing a thankless job that gets too little press, a huge thanks to Jacob.

A huge “I’m thankful” must go to our President of Region 2, Sandy Holmes, who has worked diligently to bring our Region up to snuff financially. She has had to make some exceedingly difficult and hard decisions on event

cancellations due to the current health situation for the safety of our members. We hate not seeing you and getting together, however, we would not ever be able to forgive ourselves if even one member suffered because of a bad decision on our part. Also, a huge congratulations for being the latest recipient of the “Stout Silver Medal” for your introduction, ‘I Lava You.’ It does not get much better than this!

I am thankful for so many hybridizers in our own Region 2. We do not get enough credit but without what we do all summer long and for years, there would literally be no Society. Your work is what makes it all relevant and you will never get enough thanks for all you do with such wonderful sacrifice of time and talent.

This is such an incomplete list I know if you are reading it you might think “he didn’t mention me.” For that I apologize. Just know that your work is eternal. Work well accomplished is like “Apples of Gold in Baskets of Silver.” Nothing compares. Thank you all for all you do selflessly for the better of the whole of us.

Being thankful is such an important state of mind. Those who never find things to be thankful for are never really content. You know who the thankful ones are by their smiles.

Last on my list of things to be “Thankful For” is for the way the members have treated me as incoming Director of Region 2. No one could adequately fill those energizer bunny shoes of our last Director, Nikki Schmith. Nor was it the goal. She left the Region in such a healthy state so that the next person could simply hit the ground running,

which is such a rare talent and a gift.

So, it is with all this thankfulness, that I announce that this will be my final letter from the AHS Director’s Message. I could wax poetic on all the valid reasons for making such a hard decision and in a way, letting down all those who were cool enough to vote me in. I could do that, and it might be expected. However it wouldn’t be quite honest and if there is anything I have learned, after ping-ponging through this life for three quarters of a century, it is the fact that the truth is the best way to present anything. When we are totally truthful, people work their way through it, and we do not have to remember what we said. I entered this wanting to help Region 2 be a more fun and successful Region. In truth, it was a job that other than writing these notes I found out after the fact I am not totally qualified for. It is too much for this old guy. So for the sake of giving you all the best you deserve, it came to a point where I realized I could not do it justice. I could not perform all the duties to the extent they needed to be. So, swallowing my pride and after a few conversations with our President, this is the best conclusion for everyone. It makes me sad, however not all is lost. We approached Rhonda Veroeven and she agreed so she has been appointed by the Board to take over and finish out my term and hopefully more. We are blessed to have someone like her to step in like this. I would hope and trust you will give her all your support. Needless to say, it is not an easy job.

Thank you all for all the support you have afforded me. Now I am back to doing daylilies.

## *You, Too, Can Help Choose The Next Stout Medal Winner!*

By Sandra Dunn, Region 2 Garden Judges Liaison

Even before I was a garden judge, I always looked forward to the annual announcement of the Stout Silver Medal winner. I wondered if it would be a daylily I grew. I wondered if it would be from a hybridizer I knew personally. Now after years of participating in the voting process as a garden judge, I find the announcement even more exciting—wondering if the daylily I chose actually won! And this year in particular it was quite a thrill to see Rhonda Veroeven (ADS Awards and Honors Chair) announce on Facebook Live that our own Region 2 Director Sandy Holmes had won the Stout Medal for her amazing daylily “I Lava You.”

Garden judges are the backbone of the awards and honors system in ADS. There are approximately 650 certified ADS garden judges, 70 of them from Region 2. In the Spring 2020 Great Lakes Daylily newsletter, I outlined the process for becoming a garden judge. If this interests you at all, I encourage you to contact me at [alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com). With most training

events canceled this past year, we are hoping to organize a Garden Judges 1 training via Zoom. As we head into winter when we can’t be actively working in our gardens, we can still look at daylily photos together and learn to assess their merits more systematically.

Garden Judges 2 training will still need to take place in a garden setting, which we are hopeful will be able to happen next summer. Once these trainings are completed, you will have the opportunity to vote not only for the next Stout Medal winner, but 14 other awards.

If your daylily club is considering hosting a garden judge training in the upcoming year, I also encourage you to contact me. We would love to help you spread the word for your event and connect you with gardeners who were unable to complete the training last year because of COVID precautions.

As always, many thanks to all of our Garden Judges for your service throughout the year!

# RP Message, What's New in Region 2?

By Sandy Holmes, Region 2 President



## What's New In Region 2 - It's Time To Move On

After almost four years as the region president, things are wrapping up. I'm not sure where the time has gone. As the president, I have met great people that I would never have known and have become friends with people who were acquaintances. We have tried

some new things and had to cancel events that have always happened. Our volunteers, hybridizers and region supporters have helped us to increase our reserves to carry us through the uncertain times ahead. We had two Facebook auctions. We held the region's first electronic annual meeting and many of you showed up. Charlie Harper and I have been working on the process for having an electronic winter meeting in 2021. The old saying that "the only thing certain is change" must have been about life in Region 2.

I'd like to thank all of the staff for their help and guidance. I could always depend on them for their honest thoughts and concerns. Gary Barth and Jackie Bachman both were actively involved in region events while they were treasurers. Barb Buikema, our publicity director, has done a great job of promoting the Pop Poll and sharing region communications via the Facebook page and Portal email. As region secretary, Bruce Wickmann and Jacob Braun worked quietly behind the scenes to document everything that needed to be shared with the region members. Our members could always depend on our training liaisons to help them to arrange for seminars and shows. Thank you to Nikki Schmith, Laurel Richardson, Tom Isgro and Sandra Dunn. Gail Braunstein has guided me through all the requirement of the region awards and honors and has always been there to help. Bob Faulkner and Charlie Harper were our region ambassadors. Nikki has always been willing to share her knowledge and technical expertise with me. I don't know what I would have done without Bret Clement to review contracts and offer legal guidance. Mike Holmes was always available for in-house tech support.

Many of you don't realize how much work it is to obtain plants for the region auctions. Mandy McMahan has worked quietly behind the scene getting plants for the auctions at our winter meetings and even a summer meeting. Sonja Jensen did a great job of getting donations and coordinating our Facebook auctions. Without the hard work of these two ladies, everyone who donated

and our buyers the region bank account would be in big trouble. Bret Clement and Amberly Wilson both served as chairs for the winter meetings. They put together their teams and gave us fun and informative meetings. Bruce & Diane Wickmann, Barb & Bob Buikema, and Mandy & Ed Mahon put together an outstanding summer meeting and have shared what they learned with other groups. The Wisconsin Daylily Society held a National Convention. Rhonda Veroeven, Monique Warner and their teams provided a wonderful weekend for everyone. When it was all over they made a significant donation to the region. Thanks to Kristen Hatfield and her team for the summer meeting we never had. After all their work, we had to cancel the meeting to keep our members safe from COVID. But for the first time we had a virtual tour of the gardens so that everyone could enjoy the result of their hard work

After ten years as editor of our award winning newsletter, Winnie Garabis left us to be able to devote more time to other aspects of her life. Her artistic vision will certainly be missed. I won't even begin to individually thank the people who contributed to the newsletter. Almost all of our clubs provide information. Thanks you to all our members who provided article, pictures and suggestions. Claude Carpenter, award winning editor of Region 5, is helping us through the transition to a new editor.

After almost 12 years as the region webmaster, Mike Holmes retired to spend more time as grandpa. Tim Fehr has developed our new website and has taken over as the region webmaster. I hope that all of you have had an opportunity to visit the new site. We are trying hard to keep the information fresh and to post important updates. Thank you to all the volunteers, hybridizers and members for your ongoing support of Region 2. Working together we have had lots of fun keeping our region strong. I wish I could name everyone who has helped, but there might not be room for the rest of the newsletter. Thanks you to all of you. I'm lucky to know so many good daylily people.

If you ever get to the Dayton, Ohio area, please stop and visit our garden. I will be found hybridizing daylilies and chasing grandkids. A good husband and both these activities make for a very good life. Everyone stay safe.

Sandy Holmes  
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*Following donations were made to the Newsletter Fund:*

- Grand Valley Daylily Society  
In Memory of Benjamin VanderWilp \$50.00
- Wisconsin Daylily Society  
In Memory of Donald Sanner \$100.00

## Region 2 Awards

By Barb Buikema, Region 2 RPD



Once again, I was so happy with the participation in the Popularity Poll from our incredible Region 2 Members. We broke all records again with not only the number of voters and the numbers of different daylily cultivars you added for your write-in votes. In 2019 you added 81 different daylilies to the ballot, but in 2020

the numbers went up to 410!

Your votes exceeded all expectation. Online voting was up more that 75% from last year which was extraordinary! We had 167 people vote.

We so appreciate the time you, as Region 2 Members, took to vote for your favorite cultivars. To determine the 75 daylilies that go on the ballot, we use the daylilies receiving the most votes along with the region daylilies which have received awards from the ADS. Our Pop Poll winner, Heavenly United We Stand, will be retired from the ballot, and join the All-Star Cultivars, our prior winners. (Pictures of All-Star Cultivars are on the Region 2 website: <http://www.adsregion2.org/about/popularity-poll/>.)

I trust that the information given to you on how to vote was clear and concise. I will continue to provide a help guide through the voting process each year. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail me at [bbbuikema@att.net](mailto:bbbuikema@att.net).

### Our Top Ten winners of the 2020 POP POLL are:

1. Heavenly United We Stand
2. Carnival In Mexico
3. All American Chief
4. Rose F. Kennedy
5. Entwined in the Vine
6. Bella Lugosi
7. I Lava You
8. Jerry Hyatt
9. Condilla and Walt Lowry (Tied for #9)

Congratulations to all our 2020 Pop Poll winners.

Photos of the winners can be seen on pages 22 and 23.

On Sunday evening October 25, 2020 via Zoom, our own Rhonda Vereeven had the honor of announcing the 2020 ADS Awards voted by the ADS Garden Judges or the ADS Board. Thank you to Rhonda and Jacob Braun for an excellent live electronic presentation. Here are the Region 2 winners. If they are not already on the Pop Poll, they will be added next year.

The highest daylily award that ADS can give is the Stout Silver Medal. We the members of Region 2 are so immensely proud of our own Sandy Holmes for winning this prestigious award for 'I Lava You.' Congratulations Sandy. This is very well deserved.

### Region 2 Awards of Merit winners are:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Big Birds Friend | JamieGossaard  |
| Black Panther    | JamieGossard   |
| Tidwater Elf     | Sandy Homes    |
| O'Bannon Orchid  | Steve Williams |

### Region 2 Honorable Mention Awards winners are:

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Baby's Got Blue Eyes           | Dianna Gossard                |
| Cliffjumper                    | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Flaming Pumpkins               | Gennie Kleckner               |
| Huntress                       | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Orange Clown                   | Al Goldner/<br>Lavera Webster |
| Prickly All Over               | Gennie Kleckner               |
| Rainbow Butterfly              | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Spacecoast Rose Queen          | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Spacecoast Tequila Sunrise     | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Spacecoast The Green Mile      | Jamie Gossard                 |
| Too Cute                       | Steve Williams                |

Be sure to watch for pictures of all our ADS Award winners in our next newsletter.

We again want to congratulate all of winners of the 2020 Pop Poll and the ADS National Awards. We indeed have a Region to be proud to be a part of.

Thank you again for all your encouragement this past year. We look forward to great things to come.

Barb Buikema  
Region 2 Publicity Director

### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ADS MEMBERSHIP

You can renew at <https://daylilies.org/membership/>. To go paperless just click on [Join/Renew Online](#) Now. If you want to renew by mail, go to the same location and click on [Join/Renew by Mail](#) to get the mail-in form or complete the form included with your ADS Journal. If you aren't sure when your membership expires, that information can be found in the ADS Journal on the page with your address. The membership expiration date is in a box at the lower right hand corner. Have a friend or relative who is interested in daylilies? An ADS membership makes a great Christmas gift for the ADS Journal alone.

# Awards and Honors Update

By Gail Braunstein, Region 2 Awards and Honors Chairman

So much has happened during this very unusual year. We all stayed home more, and we all missed sharing time with one another. I do not know about you, but I certainly had more time to catch up on paperwork, and to work on finding photos of our past Howard Hite Award Winners. (If you have a photo of any of the winners ... listed on the nomination form, I would love to hear from you.)

Sometimes I forget that our newer Region 2 members may not be familiar with the whom and what of the Howard Hite Award...so here is a brief update. In 1989, the Southern Michigan Daylily Society members announced they would like to sponsor an award for hybridizing excellence. This award is for Region 2 members only. The award is to honor a Region 2 ADS member who has contributed notable achievements from years of dedication to a hybridizing program and who has greatly influenced the world of daylilies.

That being said, who was Howard Hite? Howard was a long-time member of SMDS, and an incredibly talented man. Not only was he a daylily enthusiast, but he loved photography and he owned his own photography company. Another of his talents was singing. Often people would come to his garden to view the beauty of his daylilies, but they would be entertained by Howard singing his favorite tunes.

Howard registered his first daylily in 1968, and he worked tirelessly for the next 35 years and registered 125 cultivars. He focused on the entire plant, looking for strong plants which could withstand the cold winters of Michigan. Like most hybridizers, Howard had dreams.

He wanted to live to be 100 and he was working for a true-blue daylily. He did not quite make it to his 100th birthday, however a week prior to his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday he submitted his last registration. The daylily was registered as 'Christine Walser Hite', which he named for his mother. Shortly after submitting the registration, he passed away. His daughter Gloria continued his work towards the elusive blue. You may know Mr. Hite for some of his introductions: 'Angelus Blue Skies', 'Angelus Spangles' and 'Magnum.'



Although the Howard Hite Award was established in 1989, it was not until 1995 that Howard was presented the prestigious award.

Over the 31 years there have been 29 Region 2 hybridizers who have won the Hite Award. Each and every one of these hard-working individuals has added to and changed the world of daylilies.

Who will be the next hybridizer to be honored? We will only know if you take a few moments to write a paragraph or two about the huge impact of your favorite Region 2 hybridizer. **See nomination form the on following page.** Remember this is not a popularity contest. The award is based on the information supplied by the Region 2 membership.

## ATTENTION EXHIBITION JUDGES



At present there is no online exhibition judges training scheduled. However, per Debbie Smith, Judges Education Chair, if at least three people come forward and indicate they wish to attend an online session for Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 or 3, it can happen. Please let Nikki Schmith, [schmiths71@gmail.com](mailto:schmiths71@gmail.com), or me know if you would like to attend or assist instruct a session. Online training is a convenient and safe way to learn and refresh -- and there is some comradery. You can even choose your own favorite food, beverage, and comfy clothes for the sessions. Why not invite your judging friends from other regions, too?

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## 2021 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

At the 1989 Region 2 Summer Meeting, this award was announced and sponsored by the Southern Michigan Daylily Society. It is a free-form, sand-etched glass plate with an engraved image of Howard Hite's H. 'Indonesia.' **The award is not based on the quantity of nominations for any individual, but on the quality of the individual's years of hybridizing efforts to improve daylily cultivars.** Please take the time to describe what the individual has accomplished.

The criteria for selection of a recipient are as follows:

1. **The award is to honor a Region 2 AHS member who has contributed notable achievements in the field of hybridizing from years of a dedicated hybridizing program.**
2. The award may be given each year only if a recipient is selected.
3. A person may receive the award only one time.
4. Deceased hybridizers may be considered for the award.
5. Any AHS Region 2 Member (including committee members) **may submit names of possible recipients** to the Awards and Honors Chair before April 15 of each year. The **final selection will be determined by the Hite Award Committee** composed of four members and the Regional President representing the five states in the Region.
6. Names of past nominees who did not win may be considered as possible candidates for future years.

### Previous Howard Hite Award Recipients

|                         |                        |                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1990 Dr. Charles Branch | 2000 John Benz         | 2010 Robert Ellison      |
| 1991 No Award           | 2001 Leo Sharp         | 2011 Joel Thomas Polston |
| 1992 Bryant Millikan    | 2002 Walter Jablonski  | 2012 James Marsh         |
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# 2021 REGION 2 VIRTUAL WINTER MEETING

## “DAYLILIES AND MORE”

SAVE THE DATES FEBRUARY 19, 20, AND 21  
FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 PM EST.

Each night will have two speakers with time available for questions.

We have space for 100 people. The cost to join the meeting is \$20 payable in advance. ***Your registration fee can be applied to your purchases at our online auction in March.*** (Watch our website for more information on the auction.)

To register and receive your link to the meeting, send your check for \$20, per device (link), payable to Region 2 to Bruce Wickman, 4430 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Holland, MI 49423. The registration form is also available on our website: [www.adsregion2.org](http://www.adsregion2.org)

Our speakers and topics are:

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| Kathleen Nordstrom                             | “Balance & Focus At Northern Lights Daylilies”   |
| Mark & Cynthia Druckenbrod                     | “South American Butterflies and our Daylilies”   |
| Dr. Laura Deeter<br>OSU Horticulture Professor | “Color Theory in the Landscape”                  |
| Dan Bachman<br>Valley of the Daylilies         | “Through the Years - A Daylily Addict Confesses” |
| Sandy Holmes                                   | “What’s New at Riverbend Gardens”                |
| Jamie Gossard<br>Heavenly Gardens              | “Warp Speed Ahead!”                              |

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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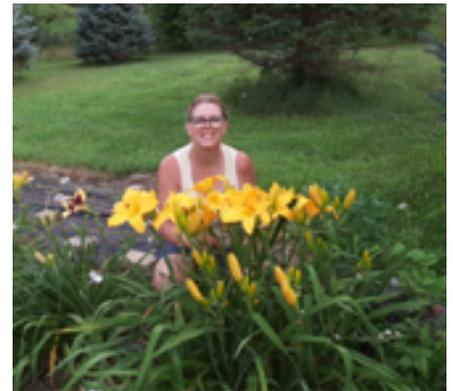
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# From *Fur* To *Flowers*

Words and Photos by Sue Hill  
Madison, WS



I have always been a true to heart animal lover. My earliest memories of my pets include those of my dachshund, Heidi, a big box turtle with a cracked shell named Sandy, and my Rhode Island Red pullet, Cindy. Many a day I could be found happily peddling around our Southern California neighborhood with Cindy hunkered down in the basket on the handlebars of my bike. As I look back on it, I am unsure if Cindy stayed put for each of our treks out of fear or if it was because she really liked the wind whistling through her feathers. I prefer to think it was the latter.

When I was six, my parents moved us to Wisconsin where I continued to amass creatures of feather, fin, and fur under our roof, all of whom became my cherished pets. My mother long suspected her first born received a double dose of critter loving genes but rarely put her Irish foot down to lasso that love that was so deeply embedded in my soul. My dad came from a farm background and he was instrumental in giving me the basics of animal care from the beginning.

If there was an animal in need, I dragged it home with me because I was out to save the animals-in-need of this world. I learned to splint bird legs and wings with toothpicks and popsicle sticks, and mixed up dietary concoctions to raise fledgling birds who somehow managed to survive thunderstorms and the sudden shift from tree top scenery to that of the hard ground down below. I loved any kitten with a cold or crusted over eyes, or any puppy who looked to be cowering from fright. I protected them all because I felt so deeply connected to them.

I would grab my net and scoop up tadpoles from the creek down the way and watched in fascination as they transitioned through their froggy life cycle right before my curious eyes. I had an aquarium and loved every single

fish swimming within it. I vividly remember entering my room one day to find a slightly crispy, favorite Swordtail on the floor after it was a bit overzealous with the water aerobics. I immediately went to work to revive it, and several minutes later, an incredibly lucky, albeit slightly dehydrated, dazed fish was back in the tank slowly swimming around with its tank mates.

My friend, Maggie, who shared my passion for animals and lived on an old farm a half mile from us, was far luckier than I. First and foremost, she lived on a farm. What tomboy who loved all of God's creatures and loved to catch grasshoppers, snakes and spiders would not dream of living on a farm?

She had several dogs. She had horses and ponies. She had cats galore. She even had a cow named Daisy her family would buy each spring as a calf (an ongoing stressor for me once I found out where the predecessor

Daisy went each fall). I would peddle my banana-seated bike at breakneck speed when I would get a call to come for a day of riding. After saddling up, off we would go, racing through the fields to explore, feeling free and excited, eager for adventure, loving the sweet smell of ponies, loving our friendship, loving our life.

One day, Maggie announced her rabbit had given birth to five babies. My friend led me to the rickety old building that housed several rabbits, threw open the tattered wood slat door barely hanging on by the old rusty hinges and lifted the top on the wooden nestbox. Inside were five hairless, wiggling, squeaking

babies kept warm in the middle of a swirl of hay and fur. I thought they were the most beautiful things in the world. My animal lover genes kicked into high gear as I tried to figure out how I could add one of those rabbits to my pet list.



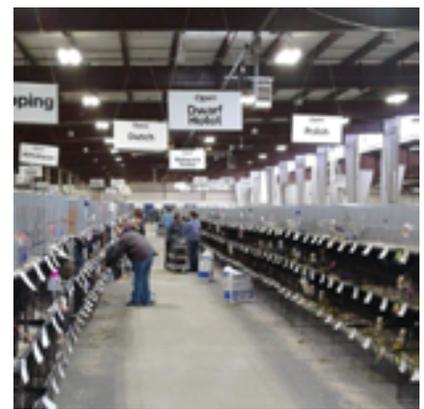
**Ten day old Gray Dutch Babies**



**Van filled with bunnies and supplies needed for show day**



**A typical local show room for a bunny show**



**Typical aisle at an American Rabbit Breeders Association National all breed show**

As it turned out, I did not have to think too long. My tenth birthday was right around the corner and Maggie announced she was giving me a rabbit as a gift. Several weeks later, I came home with a little mismarked Chocolate Dutch I promptly named Snoopy. He lived in a pen inside the garage and I settled in, doing daily chores to keep it clean. I dumped “Snoopy poop” in the little flowerbed we had just outside the garage door. The plants thrived in this spot and grew bigger and healthier than any other area of the yard. I noticed the soil was rich and the worms huge. I felt proud I had a part in how the flowers were putting on such a display. My gardening gene was starting to rise to the surface.

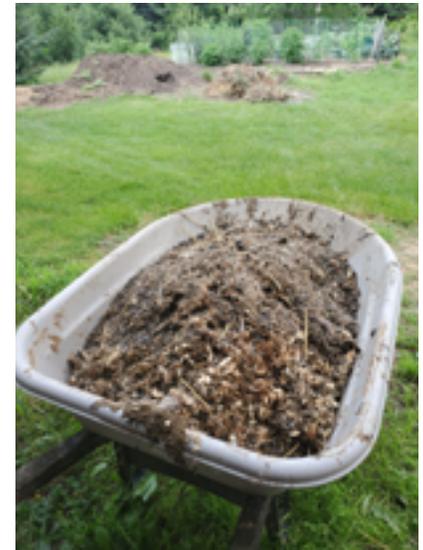
Fast forward ten years. My one rabbit opened the door for many others to join my hutch, some of which were descendants from my first one. I started showing through 4-H and then in the real rabbit world once I found out rabbit shows existed outside the boundaries of the local fairgrounds. I started learning everything I could about rabbits. I joined the two big national clubs. There was a Standard of Perfection and a guidebook, and I spent countless hours studying both. I learned about genetics and how color dominance and recessiveness came in to play with what would be peeking back at me from the nestbox. I worked hard to keep my animals happy and healthy. I studied hard, learning about diseases that would occasionally strike my herd. I proudly chose a name for my rabbitry and registered it, so it was mine forever. My goal was improving the



**A bunny burrito safely secures a youngster for tattooing**

breed, bringing in new blood and gradually building a quality herd. I delighted in my showing and breeding successes and used my failures to lay a better path before me. I loved working with kids and helping them find the joy in the hobby that meant so much to me.

Fast forward thirty years. I had a family, quite a few more bunnies, traveled regularly across the country to big rabbit conventions, was serving as president of the one national breed club, worked as a nurse at a big trauma center in Madison, WI, and now lived in a new house with a new bunny barn, and a pretty darn impressive pile of rabbit manure piled behind it



**Daylilies love “Snoopy poop”**

That gardening gene was now challenging its animal loving sibling. I bought a tractor with several toys to go along with it. With the tiller on the back, I took off on Frank the Kubota and ripped up sections of the yard. The manure was worked into every bed on the property, giving the newly transplanted perennials a good, rich head start on life. I loved seeing the beauty I was creating with color, and texture and fragrance.

Several top garden centers were within a short distance of my home. The flowerbeds were filled to maximum capacity in no time. Frank was called upon to create more flowerbeds. Or course, daylilies came home from my garden center adventures. At that time, “Strawberry

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# From *Fur* To *Flowers* (cont)



**Sue Hill's Seedling bed during Summer of 2020**

Candy" was a hot commodity, and it caught my eye. I was able to hunt it down and shortly thereafter, added several to my growing gardens.

In 2010, I requested memberships in the Wisconsin Daylily Society and Wisconsin Hosta Society instead of flowers for Valentine's Day. I had stopped at the Wisconsin Daylily Society's booth to talk to the people manning the booth. I was impressed enough with what they told me about club activities to sign up right then and there. But then again, they did so while sipping a glass of wine. This had to be a fun group to belong to, right?

I started attending meetings and went to my first daylily sale the daylily club sponsors each summer. My husband had had a rotator cuff repair the day before but I figured the anesthesia had worked itself out of his system enough to make it safe to drag him along with me while I perused the sale tables. I added about 30 new plants that weekend and that pretty much sealed my fate with loving daylilies.

Changes came when kids grew up, went off to college and we were left with nothing but fur babies. I had always pictured myself kicking it up a notch and really traveling with my rabbits, but the prep work for going to those shows and all the heavy lifting associated with animal care was starting to lose some of its appeal. The gardens

called more to me than the little furry ones. My husband came down with a serious illness and I lost my mom six weeks later. My focus started to change direction, but the one thing I continued to want to do was garden. It became my means of catharsis when the stresses of the day became overwhelming.

This past year has been a year of many changes for me. I made the big switch from rabbits being my main hobby to daylilies. After 48 years of showing and breeding rabbits, I gave myself permission to say it was time to sell out. As much as I loved my rabbits, as many times that they served to keep me upright and stable as my life tumbled in turmoil around me, they were a tremendous amount of work and limited me from going places without having to rely on a pet sitter. I absolutely love daylilies and I am excited to see where this

journey takes me. I enjoy studying about the genetic and hybridizing aspects. What is so fascinating is that many of the same rules with genetics in animals can also be applied to the daylily world. Who would'a thunk it?

For the past four years, I have dabbled in hybridizing, studying the blooms to see what forms and colors were most appealing to me. It is a continual learning curve, but I welcomed the challenge. There are so many informative articles written by talented individuals at our fingertips to be of guidance as we need it. This hobby has already brought many wonderful people into my life and I look forward to meeting more along the way. Regional meetings and the national conventions are now on my radar in the coming years. I may have traded in the fur for the flowers, but I feel like it has been a positive change with many memories still to be made.

Besides, as the winter winds howl and swirl the snow into three-foot drifts, I can leave the barn attire in the closet, grab my cup of tea and snuggle on the couch to read my daylily articles. That sounds like a little slice of heaven to me.

# MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS

by Ruth Morrison

I have a large clump of milkweed in my yard at the side of a short path. Under "Growing Tips" my Illinois Gardeners Guide by James A. Fizzel, states: "Milkweeds are completely self-sufficient." A mature Milkweed plant will grow to five feet tall in one season. They regrow each year. The common milkweed is *Asclepias syriaca*, I think this is the one I have.

Three years ago, I scattered a few seeds from a milkweed pod near the path. Several plant shoots came up in the spring, and now the clump has increased to six or seven plants. If more shoots come up in the area, I clip them off with pruners. I have not had more than two or three come up over the summer. They have not been invasive.



**Milkweed plant in my garden**

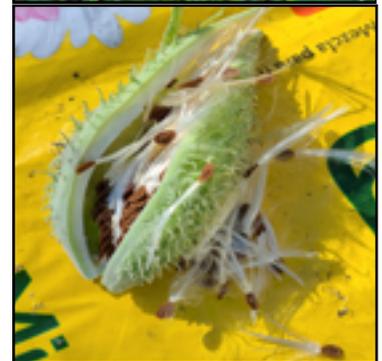
They have not been invasive. Milkweed blooms in July and August. The blooms attract Monarch butterflies and later the Monarch larva feed on the leaves. The toxins in the plants make the larva distasteful to many predators. Last year I saw tiny caterpillars had hatched from tiny

eggs attached to the leaves. I did not see them this year, but there were more Monarch butterflies flying in the yard this year than last year.

In the fall I remove the large oval green seed pods with pruners before they open. Each pod has hundreds of tiny brown seeds attached to white fluffy plumes to float all over the neighborhood if you let them!

The white sap flows freely from any cuts on the plant. It is messy and some are allergic to it. Wear disposable gloves or wash your hands if any sticky sap gets on your skin when you trim off the seed pods.

The Milkweed stalks are quite sturdy, but some can blow over in a windstorm. I pick them up and use support sticks if any have toppled over.



**Remove pods in fall before they open**

## Making The Most Of Social Media: Looking For Ideas

by Sandra Dunn

So many things in our daylily world have changed as a result of the pandemic. But we have a lot of creative, problem-solving people in our Region who are finding ways to keep us connected through technology. Though the Summer Meeting was canceled, we were able to take virtual tours of each amazing garden that would have been on display. Local clubs are meeting via Zoom and in a few months, we will have our regional Winter Meeting on Zoom. The 2020 award-winning daylilies were announced on Facebook Live! Even here at our own little daylily farm, we are hosting online monthly daylily trivia games throughout the winter.

For the spring issue of this newsletter, I would love to write an article about the many ways we have stayed connected

during these physically distant times. If you have been part of an activity or event that had to be reimagined because of COVID or was newly created out of the constraints of this pandemic, I would love to hear from you! No matter how grand or small the event, I want to learn about and share how people are using technology and social media to stay connected. Or perhaps you are finding safe ways to have limited in-person activities. I would love to hear about those as well.

You can reach me at [alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com) or 517 449-7368. I would really appreciate hearing from you!

# What's in a *Name*

Conceived by Charlie Harper

How many times have you seen an interesting, humorous, or just plain odd looking daylily name and wondered how the hybridizer came up with it. Well, here are some answers provided by each hybridizer.

## **'ALMIRA BUFFALO BONE JACKSON'**

(Faulkner, 2010)



I used the name Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson for this particular daylily as I knew it was very special and should be named for a person of honor. I had read an article in the Smithsonian Magazine about Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson and I knew she was the right name for this daylily....

The following excerpts are from the article "A Spectacular Collection of Native American Quilts" published in The Smithsonian Magazine (January 2010) written by Owen Edwards.

"American Indians have long been recognized for their superb artistry and craftsmanship, creating woven rugs and blankets, beadwork, basketry, pottery, ceremonial clothing and headdresses prized by collectors. But the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) is home to one of the largest collections of a Native American art form that is hardly known at all: the quilt. Eighty-eight quilts—stitched by women from the Northern Plains tribes from the 1940s on—were acquired in 2007 from a spectacular collection put together by Florence Pulford.

Some of the quilts, including a highly pictorial piece entitled Red Bottom Tipi (Story of the Assiniboine), tell stories. Its dark blue stripe represents the Missouri River; figurative images depict the tepees of an Assiniboine camp and its inhabitants. But most of the Pulford quilts feature abstract geometric patterns. The museum bought 50 quilts from Pulford's daughters, Ann Wilson and Sarah Zweng, who also donated an additional 38. Wilson recalls the genesis of the collection: "Since the 1940s, my father, a doctor, and my mother, and later the kids, went to a wonderful camp, a working ranch, Bar 717, in Trinity County in northern California," she says. In the 1960s, Frank Arrow, a Gros Ventres Indian, came to Bar 717 from Montana to work with the horses and befriended Pulford and her family. "In 1968," says Wilson, "Frank's aunt invited my mother to come to the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana." On that first visit, Pulford, who had a long-standing interest in Native American culture, was invited to a powwow and was given a quilt as a gift.

Pulford, a San Francisco Bay area homemaker, first got interested in quilts of the Plains tribes in the 1960s. It was during one of Pulford's early trips to Montana that she met quilter Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson, a member of the Red Bottom band of the Fort Peck Assiniboine. The two women became fast friends, staying close until Pulford's death at age 65 in 1989. "Besides their many visits," says Wilson, "my mother and Almira kept up a long, very intimate correspondence. They wrote about my mother's health,



**Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson (in 1994) once said that she would "dream the colors [of quilts] at night." (Michael Crummett)**

about Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson losing her husband, all sorts of things." Twenty-four of the quilts in the NMAI collection, including Red Bottom Tipi, were designed and sewn by Jackson, who died in 2004 at age 87. "

## **‘Twelve O`clock the Wolf Comes’**

(McMahon, 2017)



I grew up with four sisters. Summers were the best! We did everything from riding our three wheelers on our 25 acres like it was our job, to floating down our creek with frogs on inner tubes, to playing games in the dark until mom or dad would call us in, which rarely happened because they loved seeing us have fun! One of the games we played was called ‘Twelve O’clock the Wolf Comes.’ All but one of us would hide in the darkness. The person who was “it” had to walk around the house saying “one o’clock the wolf comes, two o’clock the wolf comes and continue until you got to twelve o’clock. Then you said “Twelve O’clock midnight!! Grey Wolf!!!!” Of course then you’d have to go look for and tag the others who were hiding. If you made it to the front door, without being tagged, you were safe. If you got tagged - you were the next to make the lap around the house in the dark!

So there it is...the game behind the name! Some of my best memories ever!

## **‘Inside Out Pajamas’**

(McMahon, 2015)



So here in Michigan, we have quite a few snow days during the school year. These are the days we pray for! As a mom I took this to a whole new level with my kids. There were myths out there that if you put a spoon under your pillow - there might be a snow day. If you slept in your pj’s inside out - there might be a snow day. If you flushed ice cubes down the toilet before bed - there might be a snow day. The phone ringing at 5:30 in the morning was usually a good sign that our efforts were effective! Now you couldn’t do this just any ol’ night. It had to feel like it could happen!

Our ‘go to’ ritual was the pajama thing! When this creamy white daylily bloomed I knew her name had to reflect all those evenings of the kids jumping out of the bathtub and into their inside out pajamas wishing for snow days!



## **‘Slug A Bug Yellow’**

(McMahon 2018)

Is there any better way to get a real good old-fashioned slug fest started in the car other than playing ‘Slug A Bug (fill in the color)’ when you see a Volkswagen Bug? With four boys it was a hit...quite literally! They would look high and low to try and pack the punch on their sibling. Believe me it sounds worse than it really was.

For me this yellow beauty does just that...packs a punch! She’s tall, loaded down with buds, and really catches your eye! ‘Slug A Bug Yellow’ you will always be one of my all time favorites!

# What's in a *Name* (cont)

## 'Niner Niner' (McMahon 2020)



There is a movie called *The Incredibles*. In the story, the parents are superheroes who have gone into retirement to raise their kiddos. As the kids grow up, they discover that they each have their own set of superhero skills. Things get interesting and a little dicey to say the least!

I used to tell my kids stories, that before I had them, I swam with the sharks and barely made it out with my life. That Ed and I used to be secret undercover agents and 'could' get called away at any given moment on a deep, dark mission. That I raced my suburban at night on a 'Moms Only' racing team. Their little eyes would bulge as they were leaning in to hear the stories, all while waiting to see if mom would smirk or not. Sometimes I did - sometimes I did not - I had to keep them on their toes!!

In the movie the mom is flying the plane and calls to the tower for help "Niner Niner we're going down!! Niner Niner!" or something like that! We would have a blast saying that in the car running errands and when the kids said "Niner Niner" we'd push the interior light buttons above our heads and pretend it had boosting power so we'd have enough fuel to land!!

Niner Niner your extra wide edges are plenty wide for an emergency landing of any kind!

## 'Breathing In Snowflakes' (Douglas, H., 2016)



People always ask me where I came up with the name 'Breathing In Snowflakes'. What does it mean?

Not really a funny story or what you would think would be behind a name at all. Whenever I stood looking at the blooms and there were always lots of them, it reminded me of standing in the middle of snow coming down and the refreshing feel as you are breathing in the snowflakes. The throat has some white to it that made me think of snow and the blush of lavender reminded me of how my cheeks would look in the cold.

Just how my brain works. Explains a lot, don't you think?

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## 'Stella de Oro' (Jablonski, 1975)

Walter Jablonski of Merrillville, IN was a retired turkey farmer and daylily hybridizer. One day in 1975 he needed a name for a daylily he was ready to introduce. He had been working in his garden and went to the house to get a drink. While sitting at the table, looking out the window at his daylilies, he absent-mindedly picked up a cookie from a box that was on the table. The name of the cookies suddenly caught his eye - Stella D'Oro. Walter quickly verified that the name had not been previously registered. Hemerocallis 'Stella de Oro', which translates to "Star of Gold," won the Stout Medal in 1985 -- the rest is history.

## **'Dr Jules Michael Vinkman'**

(Faulkner, 2007)



Pat Wessling invited me to give the first talk I'd done in Massachusetts. She asked if I could donate a couple day-lilies for a Club auction. I had no introductions at the time, so I took this seedling; to spice things up, we offered the auction winner the honor of naming the plant.

It was won by a couple of her friends Mike and Julie. Now, Pat had a Bengal cat that she had already named for them. His last name came from the character Bill Murray played in 'Ghostbusters,' Dr. Peter Venkman. Voila! You have a Bengal cat named Jules Michael Vinkman.

Mike and Julie asked if they could use the same name for the new daylily. The answer, 'Of course!' I was thrilled. And that's how this cream white with large bright pink etched eye and edge daylily got its name.

## **'Trahlyta'**

(Childs-F., 1982)



This daylily won the Lenington All-American Award in 2009. Frank Childs named this daylily after a Cherokee woman who lived in the North Georgia Mountains. She had found a spring that if you drank water from it, it would make you younger. According to the historical marker at the site of her grave, "custom arose among the Indians and later the Whites to drop stones, one for each passerby, on her grave for good fortune." Today there is still a large pile of stones. According to roadsidegeorgia.com: "Twice men have attempted to move the grave during road construction. Both times at least one person died in an accident while moving the pile. The stone grave remains today in the same place it has always been." Trahlyta's "fountain of youth" is now known as Porter Springs and her final resting place is called Stonepile Gap.



## **'One Eye Willie'**

(Herrington-T., 2006)

Tim Herrington had a small eyed seedling that he wanted a catchy name for. He had recently watched a Steven Spielberg movie called The Goonies. This movie was about a band of children who uncovered an old treasure map that promises to lead them to a long-lost pirate's booty with lots of action. The pirate's name was One Eye Willie, which was the inspiration for the name. It won an ADS Award of Merit in 2020.

# Women in the ADS

Words and Photos by Nikki Schmith

About ten years ago, I visited a garden on a National Convention tour that brought me to tears. Many of you might have been there at Faded Flamingo Gardens - owned and created by Ralph and Becky Adams. I mention this here because there are those places in time that grab your soul and change the way you want to garden. My visit to the Osman Garden during the 2012 National Convention was such a time. It transported me to a place of giving - a deep giving of the gardener's soul.

1400 cultivars spread out over five acres awaited me as I got off the bus with my fellow daylily tourists. It was misting heavy, so I got a chance to use the large, white umbrella I sought for just this occasion. (No one complained about the rain...not even I, who unwisely chose a white cotton dress for the day's tours.) The custom white sails on the Osman pier made for a nice snapshot. I'm saying - "Come on y'all, let's go see some more daylilies!"



sure I could have felt more proud, seeing the triumphs of women I know overcome so much personally and professionally. **Women who are still fighting battles - and winning on all fronts.** Each woman had a hand-made sign bearing their name near their introductions, and I saw many women featured in these beds standing by their signs getting photos taken.



The rain did not spoil the blooms at all. This collection of daylilies reminded me of my own; no one form dominates, colors are saturated and lots of textures are present. Aside from the pier shown above, the best part of this garden, and **quite possibly the best feature seen in any of these tour gardens,** are the large beds at the back of the property filled completely and exclusively with WOMEN hybridizers. All around this pavilion are daylilies hybridized by women.

As I walked the paths, I saw living history. These are mostly modern women, and the most moving part is that I have met or know most of them very well. I'm not



**Above and to the right:  
Introductions from-  
women hybridizers  
featured in beds  
around the pavillion**

It was like a red carpet and this was the Grauman's Chinese Theatre of daylilies!

Nan Ripley and Karol Emmerich were featured, and were also on my bus! There were a ton of Karol's plants thriving here and one from Nan that really caught my eye - H. 'Love of Ruth'.

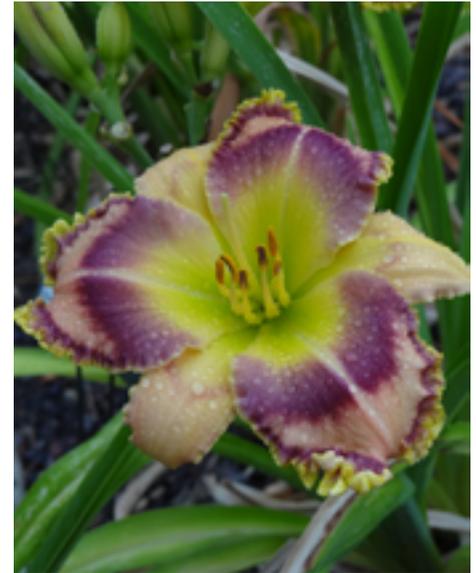




**'Love of Ruth'**  
(Nan Ripley, 2009)



**'Wall of Fire'**  
(Karol Emmerich, 2008)

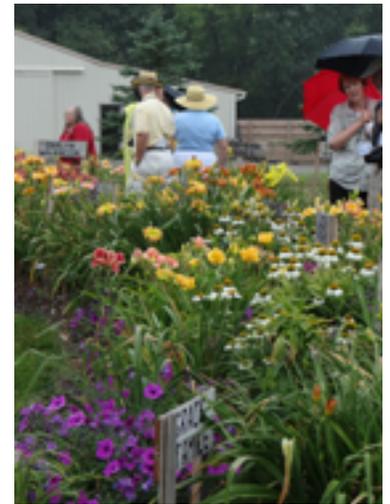


**'Moses in the Bulrushes'**  
(Karol Emmerich, 2006)

I saw collections of daylilies from Margo Reed and Kathy Lamb and Pat Salk and Heidi Douglas and Gerda Brooker and Seajay and Nancy Eller and Kimberly McCutcheon and Cindy Dye and Jane Trimmer and Grace Stamile and Bobbie Brooks and so, so many other women I admire and cherish as friends.

The paths were packed with people, some in tears - reflecting on collections of women who have passed on, and some who were just deeply moved by the sentiment contained in the creation of this display. You rarely get the chance to answer the question: Are all of the plants from a particular hybridizer worthy of adding to a collection? This creative idea for a theme bed gave us the opportunity to consider that very thought. I have several cultivars from one hybridizer in my garden, but they are not all planted together. The Women Hybridizer's Gardens is a living catalog!

It is a thoughtful tribute, a time capsule and a total treat. What a wonderful effort, and a lasting legacy for daylilies! This garden inspired me to go home and do something meaningful in my own gardens. What might you do?



**Visitors touring the garden devoted to women hybridizers**



**'Starry Eyed Piranha'**  
(Kimberly McCutcheon, 2009)



**'Twilight Princess'**  
(Sharon Fitzpatrick, 2008)

# 2020 Region 2 Popularity Poll

## Most Popular



**'Heavenly United We Stand'** (Gossard 2009)

Photos by Claude Carpenter

## 2nd Place



**'Carnival In Mexico'** (Santa Lucia, 2000)

Photo by Sandra Dunn

## 3rd Place



**'All American Chief'** (Sellers, 1994)

Photo by Debbie Monbeck

## 4th Place



**'Rose F. Kennedy'** (Doorakian, 2007)

Photo by Debbie Monbeck

## 5th Place



**'Entwined In The Vine'** (Emmerich, 2007)

Photo by Ginny Pearce

**6th Place**



**'Bela Lugosi' (Hanson-C., 1995)**  
Photo by Claude Carpenter

**7th Place**



**'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009)**  
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

**8th Place**



**'Jerry Hyatt' (Hanson-C., 2004)**  
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

**9th Place (tie)**



**'Condilla' (Grooms, 1977)**  
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

**9th Place (tie)**



**'Walt Lowry' (Holmes-S., 2011)**  
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

# Region 2 Club Reports



## Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society

By Charlene Patz

Like just about every other garden group or organization, we have had to cancel all of our events since February with the arrival of COVID-19. Volunteering at our public gardens where we provide help to maintain the national daylily and hosta gardens was limited, but the gardens looked fantastic this summer! Thanks to Eileen Hoffman,

our wonderful webmaster for Facebook and our web site, we have been able to “visit” gardens and see what was blooming this summer, along with fabulous postings by our Vice-President, Charlie Harper, Joan Hollenbaugh, and Mike Anders who co-ordinates the Annual Flag City Daylily Tour in July in Findlay. We are experiencing an unusual time, but hopefully things will turn around in 2021, and we will be able to resume meetings and special events once again. Keep safe and stay healthy!!



## Grand Valley Daylily Society

By Claire Sheridan

The Grand Valley Daylily Society had an exciting Zoom presentation titled “Plants With Extra Garden Value” by Sandra Dunn of Along the Fence Daylilies on October 1. Sandra grows 2200 different cultivars at her daylily farm and is able to compare plant performance over the different seasons and years. She shared her observations of plants that bring something extra to the garden. Club members also sent Sandra photos of their favorites to include in the program and there were many opportunities for conversation about individual plants.

As she wrote in her article for the club newsletter, “...there are a number of ways certain cultivars stand out and it is generally not for the bells and whistles. Rather, it could be that they have a ‘stop you in your tracks’ garden presence. Some have an extra-long bloom season, which may include consistent rebloom even here in Michigan. Maybe they make a stunning clump display. Or they just have a truly unique look.” A few in her list included ‘Heroes on Horseback’ by Judy Davisson (see photo on opposite page) for its long bloom season and many scapes; ‘Jesters Collar’ by Cynthia Tyrrell for making an



‘Candy Cane Train’ (Holmes-S., 2014)



‘Isabelle Rose’ (Laprise, 2009)



‘Jesters Collar’ (Cynthia Tyrrell, 2006)

amazing clump; and ‘Candy Cane Train’ by Sandy Holmes for making a great show this summer and being a color fast red; and ‘Isabelle Rose’ by Ellen Laprise for a stunning flower and great branching. Many of us look forward to growing these recommended cultivars if we don’t already have them.

## Grand Valley Daylily Society (cont)



**Creek bed before project begin**

Late this summer Steve Reiger, master beekeeper and member of the Grand Valley Daylily Society, the Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society and the Central Michigan Daylily Society, contacted the three clubs to ask for donations of daylilies for a special project with which he was involved. The project was the renovation of the grounds of the John C. Blanchard House in Ionia which is owned and operated as a museum by the Ionia County Historical Society. The house is an example of 1880's Italianate architecture and is in the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the goals was to clean up a small creek near Blanchard House. This area had been beautifully landscaped at one time, but became choked with brush and invasive plants. Historical Society President Kathleen Cook and her husband Greg began work on clearing brush from the creek early in the spring with help from others. The Cooks had purchased the house next to the Blanchard House and were working on renovating their yard bordering the creek. Then they started clearing the Blanchard House side of the creek. Shortly after this Steve Reiger volunteered to help with the work of clearing the Blanchard House creek side. He and another local resident, Kim Grant, removed stumps and invasive plants from the part of the creek area that was this year's project.



**After cleanup with daylily beds added**

Steve suggested that daylilies be planted in the cleared area and once this idea was adopted, Steve and Kim turned their attention to creating beds for daylilies.

Kim brought sandstone from the same quarry as that used in construction of the house, created the stonework design and laid out the stone for the beds as a service to the community. Once the beds were ready for planting it was time to gather and plant daylilies.

When Steve asked for daylily donations, following letters sent to the clubs by Kathleen, many people responded enthusiastically. Region 2 President Sandy Holmes also generously donated plants to the project. Nearly one hundred named cultivars were donated, all 2006 or newer and mostly tetraploids. More donations have been accepted and will be arriving in 2021.

Steve donated many of his own seedlings as did other GVDS members. The seedlings were planted in the areas reserved for them and any seedlings that were left were used to raise funds for the Historical Society.

The tetraploids donated were planted in beds separate from any diploids donated. Steve's plan is to use the tetraploids to teach people how to hybridize. The beds are closely planted so that as the plants grow, they can be divided and used to raise funds for the Blanchard House.



**View of creek bed after clean-up**

As a community service, Steve is planning to continue his work on this multi-phase project. Additional daylily donations of 2007 or newer tetraploid daylilies are needed to complete it. If you would like to donate daylilies to this ongoing project in 2021, contact Steve Reiger, Project Manager, at 989-855-5200.



**'Heroes on Horseback' (Davisson-J., 2012)**

## Daylily Social

by Nikki Schmith

Daylily Social is an American Daylily Society club, but its not a normal club in a few big ways. We have no dues, no treasury, no membership requirements, no drama, no pressure and no expectations.

Although we are a virtual-based club, one of our main outreach efforts is to enable ADS-accredited shows *anywhere in the country*. It is known that people love going to shows, exhibiting in shows and enjoy shows, but not many like to plan and stage a show. Daylily Social was proud to host/sponsor **one of only two** accredited daylily shows in the country in 2020. (In a typical year, the ADS accredits around 55 shows.) Despite the pandemic, several Illinois daylily enthusiasts put their heads together to stage a safe social event in Worden, Illinois. Eight exhibitors, including a few first timers, brought



**Judging the show**

over 150 scapes to the show. Three judges (from three different states and three different regions) graciously travelled to preside over the event and awarded the following section/rosette winners:

**BEST IN SHOW:** 'Sparkle Britches'

**SWEEPSTAKES WINNER:** Lori Doolin

**Section 1: EXTRA LARGE - 'All American Chief'**  
exhibited by Lori Doolin of Winchester,  
Illinois

**Section 2: LARGE - 'Royal Candy Crush'** exhibited  
by Nikki Schmith of Worden, Illinois

**Section 3: SMALL - 'Sparkle Britches'** exhibited by  
Nikki Schmith of Worden, Illinois

**Section 4: MINIATURE - 'Jenny Bird'** exhibited by  
Lori Doolin of Winchester, Illinois

**Section 5: DOUBLE/MULTI/POLY - 'Condilla'**  
exhibited by Lori Doolin of Winchester,  
Illinois

**Section 6: SPIDER - 'Susan Heimerdinger'**  
exhibited by Kathy Slater (Rosewood Daylily  
Farm) of Dorsey, Illinois

**Section 7: UNUSUAL FORM - 'Jan's Twister'**  
exhibited by Lori Doolin of Winchester,  
Illinois

**Section 8: No purple ribbon winner**

**Section 9: POPULARITY POLL - 'Neon Flamingo'**  
exhibited by Lori Doolin of Winchester,  
Illinois

**Section 10: No purple ribbon winner**

**Sections 11 and 12: There were no official medals  
or awards earned in these sections**

Although the show was closed to the public and our in-person capacity was limited to 25, it was a grand event which reminded us of the tenacity seen in daylilies and often, daylily people. It is also interesting to note the many Region 2-born cultivars that made the head table! Congratulations and gratitude to the regional hybridizers that keep on keepin' on!

Daylily Social plans to host TWO shows next year, with the second event highlighting later-blooming cultivars and seedlings. Daylily Social can also help YOU plan your own daylily show anywhere in the region if your local club chooses to not support one, or if you do not have a local club at all.

Nikki Schmith and Kathy Pinkas, who are working very hard in the middle of the country to reenergize interest in formal exhibitions, were the show chairs for this event. Before COVID cancelled most summer plans, the duo was mentoring two other accredited shows in the area (the Greater St Louis Daylily Society and the Southwestern Illinois Daylily Society), but those were ultimately postponed until 2021. Those two shows, plus two others are currently in the planning stages for 2021. Daylily Social invites members from all over Region 2 and its surrounding areas to exhibit in these events next year.



**Before and after the show**

In August, we also hosted our first ONLINE PRESENTATION via ZOOM. We launched our free “Explore” series, where we hope to provide an online, live presentation each quarter from an expert in any of a multitude of areas. For our inaugural presentation, Rhonda Veroeven the National Chair for Awards and Honors for the American Daylily Society provided an amazing walkthrough of the awards system and opportunities. It was a very informative event, with about 20 people dialing in throughout the meeting to enjoy the presentation. Our next presentation will be in February 2021, with content and date still TBD.



If you are interested in seeing how an online daylily club can and does function, please join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/daylilysocial> We are thrilled to continue to build an organized, online community of daylily folks who like organized group events in a new and changing society. Come learn with us!

## Indiana Daylily-Iris Society (IDIS)

By Lezlie Myers

Indiana Daylily Iris Society (IDIS) was pretty limited in our activities this year due to COVID restrictions. Many of us were able to visit each other’s gardens. I, personally, enjoyed seeing other’s daylilies and gardens. It gives me ideas for my own! The club had to cancel many excellent speakers, which we hope to be able to have back in the future. After much discussion, we did decide to have our year end auction. We held it outdoors, forgoing the pitch-in lunch. It was a beautiful day and we had thirty people attend to bid on wonderful Jamie Gossard daylilies that had been grown by members. We also, had a freebie table, with many different plants and garden items. It was great to see everyone and talk ‘gardening’ again! Take care everyone! Hopefully, we will be back to meeting and talking daylilies again very soon!



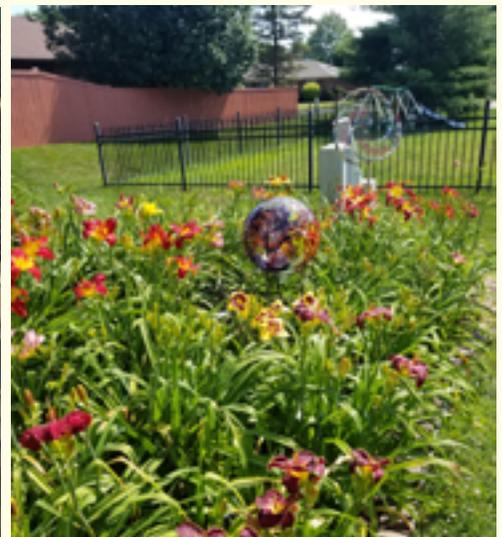
**Thirty IDIS members enjoying year end auction**



**Linda Sutter and her garden**



**Shirley Toney and her garden**



## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS)

By Karen Ciula

In September, the officers of MCDS met in a Zoom meeting to discuss how to move forward with planning for club activities and a virtual election of officers for 2021. Although we cannot confirm dates with the Franklin Park Conservatory until it allows large group meetings again, we wanted to have a proposed calendar to send out to members and to the Conservatory immediately when reservations for rooms can be made again. Our tentative schedule for 2021 is as follows:

- February 14 winter meeting with speaker
- May 8 spring meeting with member auction and guest plant distribution
- June 27 daylily show
- August 14 public sale and meeting with member auction and guest plant distribution
- November 14 fall meeting with speaker
- December 12 Holiday Luncheon

Guests are always welcome to visit and tour the beautiful Conservatory and gardens.

Three of the four club officers were due for replacement, so a proposed slate of candidates was sent out to the membership along with the proposed budget for approval. Vice-President Charles Lucius sent an e-mail communication to all members requesting that any alternative nominations for officers be sent to Gail Johannes by September 23. Receiving none, the slate of officers for 2021 are as follows:

- President Charles Lucius
- Vice-President Sandi Rockwell
- Secretary Debby Colvin
- Treasurer Bob Cochran

Our normal show date would conflict again with the Region 2 Summer Meeting dates, so we set the date near the end of June in hopes of having an early bloom next summer. Current plans are to offer a judged show. If the show cannot be held at the Conservatory, we will try to find an alternative location.

Earlier this spring, the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) updated the website <https://columbusdaylilies.org> to include an improved Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Garden Page <https://columbusdaylilies.org/ohio-hybridizer-daylily-garden/>. This historic daylily garden contains an important collection of 50 species and early hybrid daylilies and well as a total of 650 daylily varieties representing 70 Ohio hybridizers. The garden is located next the remodeled front entrance of Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus and is open to visitors throughout the year.

The Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Garden webpage now includes a new color brochure developed by the members that will be made available to visitors of the Franklin Park Conservatory during bloom season.

<https://columbusdaylilies.org/mcgs/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Daylily-Trifold.pdf>. The webpage also includes a listing of plants by hybridizer as well as an alphabetic list by cultivar name. <https://columbusdaylilies.org/mcgs/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-08-15-CULTIVARS-BY-ALPHA-HYBRIDIZER.pdf>. A link is also provided to a photo gallery of hybridizer garden plants. These photos have been created and maintained by Karen Ciula. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ohiohybridizersdaylilygarden/> The website has also been updated to include updated links to member garden websites and Facebook pages where available. A list of these gardens is provided at <https://columbusdaylilies.org/mcgs/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-MEMBER-GARDEN-LIST.pdf>.

Because of the pandemic, we have extended all memberships and drawing plant returns out a year. Being eternally optimistic as daylily people must be, we put our gardens to bed and look ahead to next year's fellowship once again.



## Ohio Daylily Society (ODS)

by JoAnne Frederick

Greetings, everyone!

While we had to cancel the general meeting, club trustees used our October 25 date for a combination on site/ Zoom meeting, and it went very well! Several details were ironed out for the coming year, and with any luck we will be able to resume a regular schedule of events.

Meeting dates for 2021 are finalized and scheduled as following, at the Kingwood Center Carriage House:

- May 2, 1:00 PM - meeting and auction (guest plants that were due back in 2020)
- July 18, - Daylily show
- August 22, 1:00 PM - meeting, plant sale, auction (guest plants that are due back in 2021), and guest plant distribution
- October 31, 1:00 PM - meeting and guest Speaker

\* In the event we are unable to hold the May meeting, all guest plants that were due back in 2020 as well as those due in 2021 will be auctioned at the August meeting.

Trustees voted to make this year's donation to Kingwood of \$1000. The new visitors' center is up and running, and it is a sight to see! There is improved parking, a ballroom, gift shop, and cafe. The addition brings some wonderful new landscaping and hanging basket displays. Passing through the center, you enter the gardens via a fabulous wooden deck and footbridge over a rock stream bed. If you find yourself in the Mansfield, OH area, check it out. Membership dues for 2021 remain just \$8, and members



**"Drive-by" guest plant pickup in October**

must be in good standing to participate in the guest plant program. It was decided to extend the deadline for 2021 dues until January 31, 2021.

Lori Richards announced she would like to step down as Show Chair. If we wish to hold a formal scape show in 2021, we will need a volunteer to assume this role. Experience is not required! Members that are interested should please contact a trustee(s). Cynthia Blanchard announced she would like to step down from Guest Plant record keeping and tag duty, and Wendy Schwall has graciously agreed to pick up the torch. Our club events rely on the efforts of volunteers to do the "dirty work," so our most heartfelt thanks to everyone for their service: past, present, and future!



## Wisconsin Daylily Society

by Mike Stafford

I am sure as with many other garden groups, there has been a "pause" in the activities of the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Our big event generally held in the fall, is our annual business meeting, usually attended by around 100, with a dinner, speaker, and giveaways. This, of course, was cancelled and replaced by a "Zoom" meeting which handled the business aspects of our get together, but without the "fun" part. Nonetheless, several issues were dealt with in an expedited matter and those that were part of it, got some interaction with their Hemerocallis "homies". I

would heartily recommend other groups explore the use this tool as a substitute if you cannot meet in person... it worked well for WDS in this instance. The WDS does have an active schedule planned for 2021 (COVID-19 dependent), and we are hoping that at least some of the scheduled events will take place. On a sadder note, we would like to acknowledge the passing of WDS member, Don Sanner. Don & his wife Phyllis were fixtures at our events and always willing (when able) to volunteer when something needed to be done. Their farm hosted plants for many years. His presence will be missed.



## Northeast Ohio Daylily Society (NODS)

by Mark Druckenbrod and Julie Gridley

In place of our usual club report, the Northeast Ohio Daylily Society (NODS) presents a tribute to a beloved member who died a year and a half ago,

### Ralph Haehn

Dr. Ralph J. Haehn was an extraordinary man. He embodied all the fine qualities of an AHS member, and he was a mentor and friend to everyone in our club and others who visited his garden. Ralph enjoyed daylilies for over 30 years until his passing in March 2019. He registered 38 daylilies, beginning with **Phylly Marlene** (Haehn, 1998), named for his wife, and ending with **Jan I Am** (Haehn, 2018), named for a good friend and president of NODS.

It is extremely hard to separate the raw accomplishments of hybridizing from the actual person doing the dreaming, planning, and carrying out the rewarding yet awfully hard work. Daylily introductions are an expression of the hybridizer. Ralph was a veterinarian and a true gardener. He loved plants and animals. He and his wife Phyllis cared for a significant property with extensive landscaped borders, perennial gardens, vegetable gardens, chickens, and usually a dog at his heels.

Ralph understood the value of diversity, natural selection and the healthy ecosystem that soon follows. As a true gardener, Ralph knew his land and worked *with* nature to cultivate his gardens. He made good design decisions and then experienced the joy of watching nature refine the results. He did not try to control nature.

Like the rest of us, Ralph saw daylilies as the perfect perennial: colorful, easy to grow and dependable performers in the border. Over the years, northern

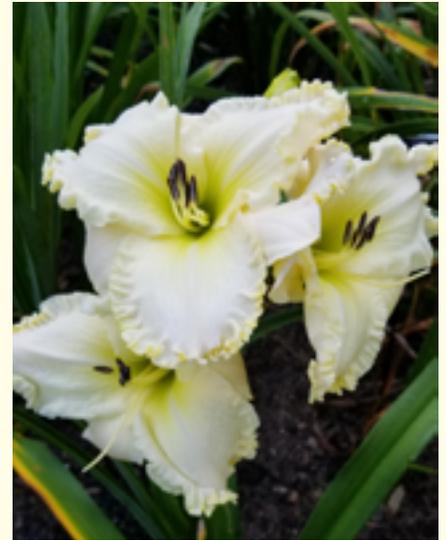
gardeners watched as hybridizers from some warmer regions created wildly diverse shapes, patterns, and colors. Unfortunately, many of these amazing cultivars did not perform well in Region

2. Ralph also watched as many new daylilies began to require extra care, pampering and chemicals. So, Ralph set out for rich clear colors and patterns, show quality scapes and - very importantly - dependable garden foliage and hardiness in Zone 5. It was important to Ralph that a new introduction with great color, shape and all the other bells and whistles *had* to thrive in the Ohio garden. He upheld the daylily as the most perfect, easy to grow flower.

Ralph was ruthless with seedlings. He provided only basic care and watched for the winners. He used his seedling lines and crossed them with other glorious yet less hardy faces, and selected cultivars that brought new color combinations and patterns to northern hobbyists.

For all of us up north, this has been a huge advancement in hybridizing and has allowed us to enjoy new directions in daylilies in *our* gardens.

Many of his introductions lead the pack with clarity of color and beautiful presentation of the flower. His seedling line produced 'Corduroy Moonbeam', a beautiful lavender



H. 'Jan I Am'  
(Haehn, 2018)



'Rockets And Roses'  
(Haehn, 2015)



'Buckeye Blues Singer'  
(Haehn, 2010)



'Buckeye Barnstormer'  
(Haehn, 2000)



**Two of Ralph's Watercolors**

flower with clear color, a bold watermark, and a uniquely large yellow face with green throat. And look at the clarity of color in 'Gauguin Flair', 'Bold Fashion' and 'Rockets and Roses.' Ralph also searched for the elusive blue daylily. His first blue eyed intro was 'Buckeye Blues Singer' in 2010. Rapid improvements followed with the introductions of 'Royal Suite' in 2011 followed by the large, colorful blue face of 'Third Man Theme' in 2014.

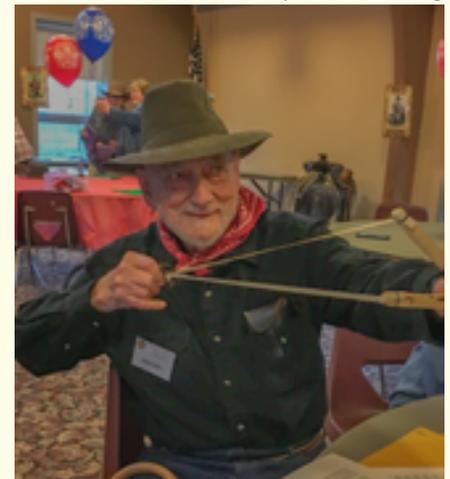
Ralph's goal of improving and bringing hardiness to southern beauties has brought us winners such as 'Bodacious Blond', a dependable huge, full shaped, ruffled cream with yellow edge and 'Frosted Grape Smoothie', a ruffled edged purple and blue eyed beauty that would be a winner in anyone's current catalog, and is dependable in Northern Ohio. One of his best-known cultivars is 'Buckeye Barnstormer', a creamy, full double with a deep red eye that you may have noticed on the Region 2 popularity poll ballot.

Ralph was one of those unsung natural ambassadors. He was a leader, a mentor, and a friend to all. His name may not be known across the country, but he was a true steward of the daylily and he leaves a lasting contribution to the improvement of this amazing flower and the joy it

brings those fortunate to grow his introductions. He simply wanted to make sure that everyone who grew daylilies would be successful and would enjoy this great flower.

Surprisingly, Ralph somehow found the time to explore a wide variety of other endeavors besides daylilies during his full life. His love of animals and dogs in particular

led to an interest in breeding and showing beagles for several years, with many champion ribbons to show for it. He and Phyllis also enjoyed long-distance bicycling, and among other trips they cycled through parts of Europe and all the way across Ohio. Woodworking was another hobby, and he created several beautiful pieces for their home and others. But we are not done. He was a talented and accomplished artist, specializing in watercolors and, after retirement, adding stained glass to the list.



**Ralph in a light moment**



**'Phylly Marlene' (Haehn, 1998)**

Family was also especially important to Ralph. He and Phyllis raised five sons during their 60 years of marriage and became grandparents to six and great-grandparents to two, at last count.

Ralph was witty and bright and, as you can imagine, had countless interesting stories to pass along. But we may remember him best for his generosity. It was hard to visit his garden without going home with some new plants. But he was also very generous with his knowledge and wisdom and was a patient teacher to everyone. What a legacy! If you do not already grow at least one of Ralph's introductions, we highly recommend you seek them out to add part of his legacy to your own garden.

# Central Illinois Daylily Society

by Lori Doolin

Another daylily season has passed, sorry to see this year's blooms fade. That sorrow is turned into excitement with the thought of next year adding a new daylily (more likely daylilies) to the garden, building a new flower bed, deciding which garden(s) to visit, what crosses to make, and the list goes on and on!



## September Members Auction

club member turnout was better than expected, which made for a profitable auction. We enjoyed familiar faces, welcomed some new faces and bought some amazing daylilies!

A regular club meeting was held in October with a business meeting, a presentation from some of our members on their daylilies and gardens and an election of new officers.

CIDS was able, after being delayed a few months, to have our annual member only daylily auction in September. Plants were purchased from Curt Hanson's Crintonic Gardens in Ohio. Sandy Gabriel hosted the club for the auction in her garden. It was a beautiful day and

The club would like to thank Carol Riehl for her past years of service as President. Thank you Carol! New officers are Lori Doolin, President and Sandy Gabriel, Vice President. Returning is Deb Miller as Treasurer and Jean Little as Secretary.

One more item to be excited about for next year - Daylily Fun In 2021! Central Illinois Daylily Society will be hosting the 2021 Region 2 Summer Meeting in Springfield, IL. The meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already, please go to the website [2021Region2.com](http://2021Region2.com) to see a preview of gardens that will be on tour, the meeting place and other information about the meeting. Updates will be made to the website as necessary.



2021 CIDS Officers



## Chicagoland Daylily Society (CDS)

by Ruth Morrison

The Board Meetings for CDS have been held via ZOOM since last spring when the coronavirus prevented our regular General Meetings. There is room for our eight Board Members on the computer screen together. Each one of us is logged on through our computers at home. It has worked well for our small group.

Our monthly Newsletter became our tool to contact our members. We were able to conduct several garden walks at member's homes, making sure that everyone wore masks and maintained social distance. Two of our own hybridizers participated and were happy to share growing tips.

In lieu of having Sandy Holmes give her scheduled presentation for the club in September, she was kind enough to offer some of her daylilies for sale to the club. Two members are now elated that they selected 'I Lava You.' We are proud to congratulate Sandy Holmes on winning this year's Stout Silver Medal Award for this very

same striking daylily!

Guest Speaker plans for 2021 are on hold for the time being.

We are making plans for a Spring Indoor Plant Sale on April 24<sup>th</sup> if conditions with the virus permit group activities at our meeting place.

We held a photo contest for our Member Handbook cover through our CDS Newsletter. Fifteen wonderful daylily photos were submitted. A photo by June Vandervest of her "Highland Pinched Fingers" received the most votes and will be on the 2021 CDS Member Handbook cover.

Debbie Scheckel received an award for "Best Creative Photo" from Region 2. Her beautiful entry is on page 22 of the Region 2 Summer Issue of the Great Lakes Daylily magazine.

Ruth Morrison, Recording Secretary & June Vandervest Co-Presidents

## Central Michigan Daylily Society (CMDS)

Article and Photos by Teresa Dillon

As is the story across the nation, COVID-19 has changed our lives. This is the smallest report I have ever made for Central Michigan Daylily Society.

CMDS began a members only Facebook page this year to help us all stay in contact and allow members to share pictures of their gardens and flowers while we were social distancing.

Our last meeting for this year was in August. Saundra Dunn, owner of Along the Fence Daylily Farm in

Saundra shared the history of Along the Fence Daylilies and how a large horse pasture become the gorgeous daylily farm that it is today. She has done so much hard work and dedicated years to the history and the future of the daylily. We are indeed indebted.

We have no current reports of members being sick with Covid, and we remain thankful.

Our meetings for the remainder of 2020 have been canceled. We are hopeful that the coming year will be much different than this.

Stay safe and healthy daylily buds!



**CMDS members enjoy lunch**

Dansville, MI, was our host. Saundra and her masked team were very welcoming to our members. Students dug daylily orders while we conducted our meeting and had a little lunch. Unlike our usual large potlucks, we had Subway sandwiches with individual cups of salads, fruit, and cookies. It was all very safe and tasty.

All members in attendance won a daylily and received 15% off their daylily purchase this day. What a generous host! We are blessed with kind and giving members.



**Above is photo of the garden with remaining mid-August blooms**



**To the left: Saundra Dunn giving members history of Along The Fence Daylily Farm**



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- Front Porch Daylilies (Lori Doolin)
- Garden of Sandy and Don Shull
- Washington Park Botanical Garden

Host Hotel:

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Schedule of Events and other details available on our website.

With the uncertainties created by CoVID-19, the details for this event are still very fluid. Please be sure to check our website for the latest information pertaining to this event.

**<https://2021region2.com>**

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